

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Washington D.C.

**MEETING WITH MICHAEL GOVE
SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**

DATE: March 6, 2018
LOCATION: Administrator's Office
TIME: 2:30-3:00 p.m.

PURPOSE

The British Embassy requested this meeting on behalf of Secretary of State Michael Gove of the U.K. Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). This is your first meeting with Secretary Gove and is intended as a relationship building discussion and opportunity to share views on G7 environmental priorities, climate change, food waste, and marine litter. This meeting also serves as a follow-up to the conversation you had with Under Secretary of State Therese Coffey on the margins of the G7 meetings in Italy. EPA officials also met with Defra's Deputy Director Cheryl Case in October to continue the dialog.

BACKGROUND

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PARTICIPANTS

U.K Attendees

- Rt. Hon. Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs
- Sir Kim Darroch—British Ambassador to the United States
- Mr Michael Rowe—Principal Private Secretary to the Secretary of State
- Mr Henry Cook—Special Advisor to the Secretary of State
- Ms Ceri Morgan—Deputy Director and Head of Global Trade Negotiations, EU and International Trade Directorate
- Ms. Alex Doyle, Head of Energy and Environment, British Embassy

U.S.EPA Attendees

- YOU
- Sarah Greenwalt, Senior Counsel, AO
- Jane Nishida, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, OITA

AGENDA

This will be a thirty-minute meeting, focusing on relationship building and the opportunity to share views on G7 environmental priorities, climate change, food waste, and marine litter.

PRESS

This is a closed meeting with no press attendance.

ATTACHMENTS

Biography of Michael Gove and Talking Points

Biography

Michael Gove

***United Kingdom Secretary of State for
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs***



The Rt. Hon. Michael Gove MP was appointed Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 11 June 2017. He was elected Conservative MP for Surrey Heath in 2005.

Education

MP Gove was educated at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen and Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University.

Political career

He served as Shadow Minister for Housing from 2005 to 2007 and Shadow Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families from 2007 to 2010.

He served as Secretary of State for Education from May 2010 until July 2014. From July 2014 to May 2015, he served as Government Chief Whip and Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury. Michael also served as Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice from May 2015 until 14 July 2016.

Career outside politics

He became a journalist after leaving university, working as a reporter for The Press and Journal in Aberdeen, a researcher and reporter at Scottish Television and a reporter for BBC Television. He was later Assistant Editor of The Times.

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